Coast Guard Station at Beypore, Kerala

*149. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Coast Guard Station at Beypore in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the land required and steps taken to acquire the same, approval of the competent authorities, fund sought and allotted, if any, and the period of completion of the project; and

(c) the number of Coast Guard Stations in the Western coast, State-wise, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Government has accorded 'in-principle' approval on 15th January, 2006 to set up a Coast Guard Station at Beypore during the current Coast Guard Development Plan period 2002-2007. Generally, 25 acres of land is required, to set up a Coast Guard Station. The land for opening of the Coast Guard Station at Beypore is being identified in consultation with the Government of Kerala. Necessary approvals of the Competent authorities including funds for the acquisition of land would be sought once the land has been identified. The date of completion of the project can only be decided thereafter. As on date, five Coast Guard Stations, three in Gujarat, one in Kerala and one in Lakshdweep and Minicoy Island, are functioning along the Western Coast of India.

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Construction of roads in H.P.

†*151. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the roads under construction in rural, hilly and remote areas of Himachal Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, district-wise;

(b) the details of the amount allocated and utilized during last three years for construction of these roads in the State;

(c) whether it is a fact that width of Badiara-Nandla road is not in conformity with the prescribed width of roads to be constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana; and

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